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SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAINING: CUSTOMS

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1. SUMMARY. PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (PNCB) HAS REVIEWED ITS TRAINING SCHEDULES AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO UTILIZE TRAINING OFFERED REF A UNTIL OCT.-NOV. 1975. PNCB STILL VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN TRAINING PARTICULARLY THE OFFER FOR INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING. END SUMMARY.

2. HAMIDULLA KHAN, PNCB DIRECTOR OF ENFORCEMENT, STATES THAT NARCOTICS OFFICERS ARE VERY MUCH OVERTRAINED AND UNDERUTILIZED AT THE PRESENT TIME. VIRTUALLY THE SAME GROUP FROM PNCB RECEIVED TRAINING AT DEA CONDUCTED COURSE IN JULY-AUG. 1974 AND AT UNFDAC COURSE IN JAN. 1975. DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN SECURING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, THE LATE ARRIVAL OF EQUIPMENT FOR FIUS AND DELAYS IN CLEARING AND DISBURSING THIS EQUIPMENT, NONE OF THESE OFFICERS HAVE PUT THEIR TRAINING TO PRACTICAL USE. SIMILARLY, CUSTOMS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS HAVE RECEIVED US CUSTOMS TRAINING IN PAKISTAN AND PARTICIPATED IN UNFDAC COURSE MENTIONED ABOVE. THESE OFFICERS HAVE PRACTICED THEIR TRAINING BUT NOT UNDER THE COORDINATED STRUCTURE FORESEEN WHEN PNCB WAS ORGANIZED.
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3. PNCB WOULD PREFER PERIOD OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE FOR ITS OWN PEOPLE PLUS ADDITIONAL RECRUITMENT TO STAFF OUT THE FIUS BEFORE THE NEXT TRAINING COURSE. IT REALIZES THAT THE COURSE OFFERED IN REF A IS PRIMARILY CUSTOMS TRAINING BUT SIMLAR COURSE IN 1973 PROVED EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO PNCB PARTICIPANTS. BY OCT.-NOV. 1975, PNCB OFFICERS WILL HAVE SOME FIELD EXPERIENCE AND THE ORGANIZATION WILL HAVE IDENTIFIED INDIVUDUALS WITH POTENTIAL AS INSTRUCTORS. IN THE INTERIM, PNCB WOULD ALSO REQUEST THAT GOP CUSTOMS AND TAX AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL INSTRUCTORS.

4. MISSION AGREES THAT PNCB PROPOSAL FOR TRAINING IS SENSIBLE. REQUEST US CUSTOMS ADVICE AS TO WHETHER COURSE CAN BE OFFERED DURING LAST QUARTER CY 1975.

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